Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Homesteader Jacob Truman Bixler came to Lincoln Township in Spink County from Corning, Iowa, in February of 1882; and,

WHEREAS, In 1884, Jacob married an Iowa girl, Edith Crisp, and as newlyweds they returned by train from Iowa to settle together on their new farm near Hitchcock; and,

WHEREAS, With nothing but a one room shanty house and 160 acres of untamed wilderness, Jacob and Edith Bixler began the relentless, back-breaking task of making a life for themselves on the virgin prairie; and,

WHEREAS, The life was hard, and progress was often beset by the brutalities of hail, drought, prairie fires, grasshoppers and the destructive forces of a South Dakota blizzard; and,

WHEREAS, By burning straw and hay in the winter to keep warm, the Bixler family survived, and as the years passed by, Jacob and Edith were to become father and mother to five little Bixlers; and,

WHEREAS, As we look back, we can see Jacob and Edith Bixler as the founding family of what is now a Bixler heritage in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, For one hundred years now, four generations of Bixlers have farmed the same land in Spink County, and on August 21, 1982, the Bixler clan celebrated their first century as homesteading farmers in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 21, 1982, as

BIXLER HOMESTEAD DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this fourth day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-two.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE APPEARING ON THIS SLIDE OF MICROFILM IS AN ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILED LAW 1-27-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT RECORD REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 23 ROLL NO. 3 DATE FILMED 2-2-82 CAMERA OPERATOR DATE MICROFILMED